



LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK

Lake of the Ozarks State Park consists of nearly 17,000 acres, the largest in the Missouri State Park System.

The Lake which provides one of the state's greatest tourist attractions is formed by the Bagnell Dam. The Dam was constructed by the Union Electric Company in 1931 to hold back the Osage River and its tributaries and provide power for the entire region. The Lake extends from one to three miles in width and has a shoreline of 1,375 miles.

The area now a state park was originally under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. In 1946, three recreation areas developed over a ten year period in Missouri by the Park Service were transferred to the state upon recommendation of the Department of the Interior. These areas were part of the Recreation Demonstration areas administered by the National Park Service in 24 states to provide for better land use and show the need for extensive recreation areas within reach of the majority of a state's population. The National Park Service derived its funds from the Emergency Relief Administration and its workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps for the park's acquisition, development, and operation.

Lake of the Ozarks State Park is located in both Miller and Camden counties. It consists of nearly 4,000 acres of water and 89 miles of water front, including nearly all of the Grand Glaize Creek Basin area.

CAMPING

As in other parks in the Missouri State Park System, portions of this park are suffering from over use. Soil compaction resulting from too many people walking, camping, and driving over a certain area first results in the death of grass. As the soil becomes hard both air and water are unable to penetrate the surface, and the deep roots of trees begin to suffer. You may notice some tree's bare tops, resulting from an insufficient amount of nutrients reaching the top. If the situation continues unchecked, trees will eventually die. This is one reason the Missouri State Park Board has established designated campsites to help preserve the beauty and usefulness of the area.

A map of the campground area is included in this pamphlet. Facilities include modern restrooms with showers and coin-operated automatic laundry equipment. A trailer dumping station is located in the campground. Near the check stand is a mobile grocery store and a firewood lot.

OTHER FACILITIES

Fishing boats and motors may be rented at both Public Beach No. 1 and No. 2 where boat docks and boat launching ramps are provided. Swimming is permitted only at the two Public Beaches where the concessionaire provides lifeguards on the enclosed sandy beaches. Picnic areas are provided at both Public Beaches. An open shelter is available at Public Beach No. 1. Trail rides are available to park visitors at the Ozark Homestead which is located near Public Beach No. 1. Hayrides are arranged each week.

NATURALIST PROGRAM

A seasonal naturalist will be on duty during June, July, and August to guide park visitors on nature hikes, give nature talks, and direct evening programs, which include lectures and movies on nature and Missouri. Please consult bulletin boards for further details on this enjoyable and enlightening program.

GROUP CAMPS

Six organized group camps are located in the park. These camps are leased only to non-profit youth orientated organizations which provide recreational and educational programs. The camps are: Rising Sun, Red Bud, Clover Point, Pa He Tsi, Hawthorn, and Pin Oak. The camps range in capacity from 40 to 200 and each include a kitchen and dining lodge, sleeping cabins or barracks, restrooms and shower buildings, play field, play court, and swimming facilities. Some of the camps also include recreation buildings, outdoor kitchens, amphitheatres and archery ranges.

LEE C. FINE MEMORIAL AIRPORT

The Lee C. Fine Memorial Airport is a relatively new addition to the park having opened in the summer of 1969. The airport was the first in the nation to be built with federal and state funds with the idea of promoting tourism within an area. The airstrip is 6,500 feet by 100 feet and able to accomodate small to medium size jets. Regularly scheduled flights are available. Services include fuel, tie downs, charter service, and car rental.

RANGER PROGRAM

A Missouri State Park Ranger is permanently stationed in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The Rangers are responsible for the service and protection of park visitors.

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(a) Vacation or recreational camping only is permitted in most State Parks, then only in developed campgrounds or in areas designated by the Park Superintendent.

(c) Camping is limited to (15) fifteen consecutive days.

(d) A unit is defined as a tent, travel trailer, truck camper, car, bus, or vehicle used for living or shelter, or a sleeping bag, hammock, or similar device used for sleeping with no other shelter.

(e) Only one unit per campsite is allowed except as defined in item G.

(f) Only one family of first degree relationship (i.e., father, mother, son and/or daughter) or group of unrelated or distant related persons not to exceed ten persons per unit per campsite, except as defined in item G.

(g) Where "family group sites" are available, two units as defined in items D and F will be allowed with each unit paying the appropriate fee as defined in item H.

(h) Fees: Regular campsite \$1.50 per day.
Regular campsite with electrical hookup \$1.75 per day.
Campsite with water, sewer, and electrical hookup for trailer \$2.00 per day.

The campground check-out time is 3:00 p.m.

(i) Fees are charged on the basis of facilities available at the campsite regardless if they are used.

CAVES. No person shall enter any cave in a state park without a valid Missouri State Park Board Cave Permit. Fisher Cave in Meramec State Park excepted.

FIREWOOD in all state parks will be sold at the rate of 25 cents per bundle. Woodlot hours are posted in each park.

(a) Dogs, cats, stock, poultry, or any other domestic animals are not permitted to range within the park at any time. Pets are permitted only when on leash, said leash not to be more than ten (10) feet in length.

(b) Pets are not permitted in any state park building designed for public use, such as restaurant, cabin, or motel lodge room, etc., or on swimming beaches.

HUNTING AND FISHING. No person shall pursue, catch, kill, or take any wildlife in any manner, or in any quantity or at any time or place, except as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation. The possession of a firearm shall be considered prima facie evidence of violation of this regulation.

SWIMMING is permitted only in designated places and only at swimmer's risk. Swimming is also restricted to hours between sunrise and sunset.

SPEED LIMIT. 20 miles per hour for any vehicle.

MOTORCYCLES. No motorcycles, motorbikes, or any other two or three wheeled, motor-powered vehicles shall be permitted in park areas in which signs are posted prohibiting their use. The Director shall in his discretion determine those park areas, if any, in which such vehicles are to be permitted.



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